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REMARKS

The subject application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No 10/194,015, filed July 10, 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/499,496, filed February 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,468,618. The subject application also claims the benefit of priority from Japanese Application Nos. 11-31723, 11-190423, 11-259806, 11-298526 and 11-298738, filed February 9, 1999, July 5, 1999, September 14, 1999, October 20, 1999 and October 20, 1999.


By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-93, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 94-98 are now pending and presented for examination in this application.

Applicants maintain that this Preliminary Amendment does not introduce new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

No fee, other than the \$770.00 application fee for the divisional application filed concurrently herewith, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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